

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This preliminary amendment accompanies the Response to the Restriction Requirement issued by the Office on November 9, 2004. The amendment cancels claims 1-10 and adds claims 17-25, which depend from claim 11. Support for claims 17-25 can be found in the original claims, and no new matter is added by the amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe claims 11-25, which are now pending in the Application, are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,



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